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EPA Anaconda Letter Attach.12.22.15.pdf

FYI, David. Of course our reply has never been printed.

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Via email to rperea@masonvalleynews.com

Dear Mr. Perea:

I am writing in response to your article in the Mason Valley News of 2/12/16 regarding the Anaconda Mine and plans to use private funds to clean up the site.

In it, you quote Lyon County Manager Jeff Page that "...to be placed on the NPL, the EPA would have to show a health hazard but the health concern from the site has been cleared up with the extension of the city of Yerington water line..."

This is a serious underestimation of the extent of the threat from the contaminated groundwater migrating north from the mine. It is beyond the homes Yerington is piping municipal water to (which will not be all homes in the affected area), and has traveled more than halfway from the site toward the Yerington Paiute Tribe Reservation. As an EPA attachment to their 12/22/16 letter to the Governor (attached) explains, "...a gap in resources at the site may elevate groundwater contamination levels in the Mason Valley Groundwater Basin. Per the State Water Engineer, groundwater resources of the Mason Valley are being depleted at an alarming rate...it is essential to the welfare of the area that immediate action be initiated to protect these...resources."

As the EPA has made clear, NPL-funded cleanup if done in a timely manner will insure the perception that local agricultural products are not tainted, which they are not.

Sincerely,

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p.s.

In the interest of accurate reporting on this issue of major importance, we ask that you publish this letter, and a link to the EPA documents of 12/22 so your readers may understand the wider picture of the contamination from the mine.

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